



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Francois Blaudin De The et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.